

## ABSTRACT

~~Disclosed is an additional~~An image information processing apparatus (10) is capable of easily limiting the allowable number of times a content file such as a confidential document can be copied, or is capable of easily enabling to check a record of copy events to trace back the copy events. The ~~additional~~image information processing apparatus (10) includes an image acquisition component (2) which acquires input image data in which ~~additional~~image information is embedded; and an extracting component (20) which extracts the ~~additional~~image information from the input image data; and an ~~additional~~image information modification component (24) which generates new ~~additional~~image information by modifying the ~~additional~~image information when determining that the ~~additional~~image information complies with a predetermined condition, and generates copied image data by embedding the new ~~additional~~image information into the input image data or image data obtained by removing the ~~additional~~image information from the input image data.